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### PUBLIC AUCTIONS

G. R.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

By Order of the Official Receiver in Bankruptcy.

on

**MONDAY,**

February 6, 1922, at 11 a.m.,

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Fittings and Fixtures lying in

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ALL GOODS comprising Tinned

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And

One large Iron Safe.

Terms—Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

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G. R.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

on

**TUESDAY,**

the 7th February, 1922, at 10 a.m.,

at H.M. Naval Dockyard, Hongkong.

About 77 lots Firewood Packing

Cases Whiting &c. &c.

Terms—Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers to the Government.

Hongkong, January 24, 1922.

(For Account of the Concerned.)

ON

**THURSDAY,**

February 9, 1922, at 10.30 a.m.,

at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,

Des Voeux Road, Corner of

Lee House Street.

About 2,000 British & Foreign

Stamps part of a private

collection.

including

First issue Great Britain and many

British Colonies.

On view from 6th instant.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 3, 1922.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

By Order of Mortgagees Ng in Keng Hoi,

18, Des Voeux Road Central.

on

**THURSDAY,**

February 16, 1922, at 3 p.m.,

at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,

Des Voeux Road, Corner of

Lee House Street.

**S.S. "SUN TAE,"**

Twin Screw Passenger Steamer,

Steel, built by Hawthorn, Leslie & Co.

Newcastle on Tyne, lying at Yau-mat,

Length 250 feet 6 inches. Breadth

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I.P. 1800, 2 Sets Triple Expansion

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### INTIMATIONS.

#### ST. DAVID'S DAY.

It is proposed that St. David's Day  
should be celebrated by a Dinner  
at which Captain Evans C.B., D.S.O.,  
R.N. supported by Sir Wm. Ross Davies  
Kt. K.C. will preside.

Will all Welshmen in the Colony  
kindly communicate with the under-  
signed as soon as possible so that the  
necessary arrangements may be con-  
sidered.

D. J. LEWIS,

Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master,

Prince's Building.

Hongkong, January 31, 1922.

#### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
the Transfer Books of the above  
Company will be CLOSED from 28th  
January to 7th February, 1922, both  
days inclusive.

Dated this 10th day of January, 1922.

By Order of the Board,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

#### THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the THIRTY-THIRD ORDIN-  
ARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
in this Company will be held at the  
Company's Offices Victoria Buildings on  
FRIDAY, 10th February, 1922, at 12  
o'clock NOON, for the purpose of re-  
ceiving the Report of the Directors  
together with the Statement of Accounts  
for the year ending 31st December,  
1921.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the  
Company will be CLOSED from WED-  
NESDAY 1st February to FRIDAY  
10th February, both days inclusive  
during which period no transfer of  
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

MOWBRAY & NORTHCOLE,

Secretary to

The Hongkong Land Investment

& Agency Co., Ltd.

General Agents for

The Kowloon Land & Building

Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 23, 1922.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

G. R.

### PUBLIC AUCTION

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

THE Undersigned have received in-  
structions to sell by Public Auction  
(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED.)  
on

**FRIDAY,**

February 10, 1922, at 2.30

p.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,

Des Voeux Road, Corner of

Lee House Street.

Private Collection of Chinese

Porcelains, Bronzes and

Kakemonos.

Terms—Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 27, 1922.

## INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG, CANTON &  
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND  
ORDINARY MEETING OF  
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company  
will be held at the Office of the Com-  
pany Union Building, on TUESDAY,  
February 7th, 1922, at 12 o'clock Noon,  
for the purpose of receiving a Report  
of the Directors, together with a State-  
ment of Accounts, declaring a Dividend  
and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from Janu-  
ary 24th to February 7th, 1922, both  
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1922.

#### UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE  
COMPANY will be held at the  
HONGKONG HOTEL Pedder Street  
Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong,  
on WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST  
DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1922, AT  
NOON, for the purpose of considering  
and, if thought fit, passing the follow-  
ing Resolutions as Extraordinary  
Resolutions namely:—

(1) That the Authorized Capital of  
the Company (which is now  
\$2,500,000 consisting of 250,000  
shares of the nominal value of  
\$10 each) be increased to  
\$3,500,000 consisting of  
350,000 shares of the nominal  
value of \$10 each by the crea-  
tion of 100,000 additional  
shares of the nominal value of  
\$10 each ranking (subject as  
hereinafter mentioned) as full  
and in all other respects pari  
passu with the shares constituting  
the Company's present issued  
Capital.

(2) That 100,000 shares be issued  
(in the proportion of one new  
share for every complete number  
of two old shares held by them  
respectively) to the persons who  
on the date of the confirmation of  
this Resolution as a Special  
Resolution are registered in the  
Company's Share Register as the  
holders of the said 210,000 shares  
at a premium of \$5 per share and  
so that on allotment the nominal  
amount due in respect of such  
100,000 shares plus the said  
premium of \$5 per share shall be  
payable as follows:

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

Hongkong, February 2, 1922.

#### HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

#### Annual Tennis Tournament.

ENTRY forms may now be obtained  
on application at the Pavilion  
Entrance CLOSE on WEDNESDAY,  
15th February.

#### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of  
the Shareholders in this Corporation  
will be held at the City Hall, Hong-  
kong, on SATURDAY, the 18th day  
of February, 1922, at Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Court of Directors together with a  
statement of accounts for the year  
ending 31st December, 1921.

The Register of Shares of the Cor-  
poration will be CLOSED from MONDAY  
6th February to SATURDAY 18th  
February 1922, (both days inclusive,  
during which period no transfer of  
shares can be registered).

AND NOTICE is hereby given that  
an Extraordinary Meeting of the Share-  
holders of the Hongkong & Shanghai  
Banking Corporation will be held  
on the day and at the place aforesaid  
immediately upon the termination of  
the Ordinary Yearly Meeting for the  
purpose of considering and, if thought  
fit, passing the following resolution,  
viz:—

That the Directors of the Hongkong  
& Shanghai Banking Corporation do  
and they are hereby requested and  
authorized by and on behalf of the  
shareholders of the Corporation to take  
the steps necessary for the introduction  
of an Ordinance into the Legislative  
Council of the Colony of Hongkong  
and for the enactment of the same by  
the Governor of Hongkong with the  
advice and consent of the Legislative  
Council thereof to effect the amend-  
ments necessary to the Ordinances under  
which the Corporation is incorporated  
and carrying on business so as to allow  
of the ordinary note issue of the Cor-  
poration being increased to \$20,000,000  
(being the amount of the present paid  
up capital of the Corporation) and to  
modify the existing requirements as  
regards the deposit security in respect  
of its note issues in such manner as

(a) to relieve the Corporation from  
the necessity of keeping with the  
Crown Agents or with Trustees  
appointed by the Secretary of  
State coin or bullion as security  
against any part of the ordinary  
note issue and to give the Cor-  
poration the option of securing such  
portion of the same as is required  
to be secured by the deposit (at the  
option of the Corporation) either  
of coin or of securities approved  
by the Secretary of State

(b) to relieve the Corporation of the  
obligation to keep at each of its  
establishments an amount of coin  
or bullion equal in value to 1/3rd  
at least of the notes issued from  
such establishment and actually in  
circulation and to leave such matter  
to the discretion of the Corporation

(c) to allow the Corporation to keep  
portions of the coin or bullion  
required to be deposited with the  
Colonial Secretary and the Colonial  
Treasurer as security against its  
excess note issue (viz: the issue  
beyond \$20,000,000) in places  
outside the Colony where its notes  
are issued to such conditions as may  
be approved from time to time by  
the Governor.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
A. G. STEPHEN,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 1, 1922.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT  
CO., LTD.

#### THE THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company

will be held at the Office of the Com-  
pany, St. George's Buildings, Charter  
Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY,  
the 9th day of February, 1922,  
at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the  
purpose of receiving a Statement of  
Account and Report of the Directors for  
the year ending 31st December, 1921,  
and declaring a dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from Mon-  
day the 6th February, 1922, until  
Thursday the 16th February, 1922,  
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, February 1, 1922.

#### HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that an EXTRAORDINARY GEN-  
ERAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE  
COMPANY will be held at the  
HONGKONG HOTEL Pedder Street  
Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong,  
on WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST  
DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1922, AT  
NOON, for the purpose of considering  
and, if thought fit, passing the follow-  
ing Resolutions as Extraordinary  
Resolutions namely:—

(1) That the Authorized Capital of  
the Company (which is now  
\$2,500,000 consisting of 250,000  
shares of the nominal value of  
\$10 each) be increased to  
\$3,500,000 consisting of  
350,000 shares of the nominal  
value of \$10 each by the crea-  
tion of 100,000 additional  
shares of the nominal value of  
\$10 each ranking (subject as  
hereinafter mentioned) as full  
and in all other respects pari  
passu with the shares constituting  
the Company's present issued  
Capital.

(2) That 100,000 shares be issued  
(in the proportion of one new  
share for every complete number  
of two old shares held by them  
respectively) to the persons who  
on the date of the confirmation of  
this Resolution as a Special  
Resolution are registered in the  
Company's Share Register as the  
holders of the said 210,000 shares  
at a premium of \$5 per share and  
so that on allotment the nominal  
amount due in respect of such  
100,000 shares plus the said  
premium of \$5 per share shall be  
payable as follows:

(3) That the balance of the shares  
constituting the Company's un-  
issued Capital be issued at such  
time or times, in such manner  
and upon such terms and condi-  
tions in every respect as the  
Company's Board of Directors  
"may decide."

(4) That no Shareholder shall be  
entitled to any offer of a frac-  
tion of an additional share in  
respect of any old share held by  
him.

Should the above Resolutions be  
passed by the requisite majority, they  
will be submitted for confirmation as  
Special Resolutions to a SECOND  
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING to be held at the HONG-  
KONG HOTEL Pedder Street, aforesaid,  
on FRIDAY, the 17th day of February,  
1922, at 11 A.M., for the  
purpose of considering and, if thought  
fit, confirming such Resolutions as  
Special Resolutions accordingly.

Dated this Twentieth Day of Janu-  
ary, 1922.

By Order of the Board,

H. N. BEAUREPAIRE,

Secretary.

#### NOTICE.

M. R. C. HONKEY having resigned  
consent to sign on behalf of this  
Company from date.

THE UNION TRADING CO., LTD.

Hongkong, February 1, 1922.

## MONUMENTS OF THE PAST.

### ENGINEERING FEATS OF PRIMITIVE MAN.

Engineering is a profession so old

that it has never been traced to its  
beginnings, writes J. H. Hammond in  
"The Engineer." When we get back to  
the misty boundary between the ear-  
liest accurate historical records and  
that vague time which we know as  
"pre history," we find extraordinary  
monuments to the genius of engineer-  
ing which have already been standing  
for centuries. All the recent  
progress of archaeological discoveries  
has not brought our knowledge of  
the pyramids of Egypt,

for in fact, beyond the speculative  
stage, yet they are among the engi-  
neering marvels of all time. The  
methods employed in the construc-  
tion of the Grand Canal of China, a  
waterway seven hundred miles long,  
with seventy-five locks, but thirty  
centuries ago, can only be guessed at.

The prehistoric draining of Lake  
Coppais by a tunnel four miles long,  
of finished workmanship, penetrating  
sometimes to a depth of one  
hundred and fifty feet is shrouded  
in mystery. In the setting-up of the  
triliths of Stonehenge, the erection of  
the Egyptian obelisks, the building  
of the great monuments recently  
discovered in Yucatan, Peru, or a  
Cheops pyramid, with all the way  
methods of construction and all the  
best inventions of modern machinery

—drills and dynamite to quarry the  
rock, railroads and steam navigation  
to transport it, and cranes to lift it  
into place—one would realize that he  
was confronted with a problem that  
would require his most concentrated  
effort. Imagine his position,  
however, if you took from him  
every device based on such simple  
mechanical movements as that of the  
wheel and the pulley, all power  
derived from harnessing the forces of  
nature and gave him nothing but the  
crudest cutting tools, wooden sledges,  
ropes, the lever and the inclined  
plane, and the services of one hundred  
thousand men! He would then be  
in somewhat the same situation as  
the engineers of the fourth dynasty  
in Egypt, who nevertheless performed

the feat which has endured from their  
day to ours through all the growth



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## The China Mail.

"MUTUAL, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

LONDON, SATURDAY, FEB 4, 1922.

## ADVERSARIA.

People who do not think of things at all about such things, but carry on rudely with ideas, maxims, provided for them, may be classified outright as ignorant—although this would astonish many of them. People who read a good deal, and from the ideas of the various schools of thought, or more likely from some one of them, make their own selection, do but barely escape from that category. He only may claim to know, in the finest sense of knowing, who has thought them out for himself, after making himself acquainted with the positions of representative thinkers. He is liable then to make the astonishing and disconcerting discovery that he has attained a philosophy which it is unnecessary to preach, because the mass of men are already living their lives and conducting themselves precisely as if they were aware of it. The ultimate sanction of morality is reason—consensus of opinion. Reason is based on human experience, especially in the sifting of desires and impulses whose satisfaction does not entail more pain than pleasure. This has almost universally produced the idea, variously expressed, that no focus of human anxiety is worth the pain of the anxiety. The game is not worth the candle. Maskee!

One fruit of my numerous voyages, before the mast, behind the mast, and sometimes up the mast, has been the acquisition, generally speaking, of a philosophy on my part, of a pleasant

smattering of polyglotisms. Almost every language has its equivalent for "maskee." We say "no matter," or "it can't be helped." Don't bother. The French say "n'importe" and "c'est egal." The Russians say "Nichevo." The Malays say "Tidapa." The Spanish say "Manana." The Japanese say "Shika-tang-a-nigh." "Shikata ga nai" is the "Romaji" form of it.

All men do sigh. Shika-tang-a-nigh. He talks my One piece of. Maskee! I cry Shika-tang-a-nigh. P'raps by-and-by. Again we'll try? P'raps pigs may fly? Shika-tang-a-nigh. All doomed to die. We wonder why. Give up and sigh. Shika-tang-a-nigh. Hopes hang too high? The wise reply, O filio filio! Shika-tang-a-nigh. Some thing's gay. Has pinched your pie? Just wink your eye. Shika-tang-a-nigh. Should you feel dry? And can't get rye. Shika-tang-a-nigh. There's water nigh. To win or tie. To sell or buy. Both you and I. With men will vie. Schimoes go away? Shika-tang-a-nigh.

Persons desiring to sing that truly moral and philosophical poem at concerts may do so without fear; but are expected to tell the audience where they got it. The China Mail has no music type, naturally, so I am unable

to print the air I composed for it. Those who desire to know how it "goes" may either interview me personally (nominal fee of \$7) or they may take, in the privacy of their own homes, a large bedroom jug, fill it with beer and stout, and then pour the contents into the basin. That's how it goes. The reason I am such a great poet is that I always base my melodies upon the fluent rhythm of natural phenomena like that.

Habit is the key to HABIT AS everything. Your LEGRE: well-established habit treats you as Legree treated Uncle Tom. They enslave you, and escaping hurts. Things you do habitually are well done. The sober, righteous, and godly life is only achieved by the formation of good habits. Faith itself is a habit of mind. Last week you were kept waiting 48 hours for your Adversaria. It wasn't my fault. I wanted to shove it at you on Friday, and every word of it was written before the morning of that day. There has been a lot of grumbling by people who seem to think that newspapermen should not take holidays. "It's a nuisance," said one of these, "because it is on the holidays, and especially rainy holidays, that we want our newspapers most." Talking to the Boss about it, I asured him it would be a good plan to suspend publication two or three days every month. I said you'd appreciate us more then. But he said no. He said that newspapers are not really necessities and that if you once lose the habit of taking 'em, you might become teetotalers. Come to think of it, he's probably right. These business minds can be wonderfully shrewd about human nature sometimes, and give us philosophers yawns and a beating when it comes to a matter of applied psychology.

Philology and psychology are different things, though they share certain family features from the Greek lingo. A fair idea of what the first one really means is afforded by the following guesses at the derivation of the word Hogmanay.

(1) From the Greek *agia mene*, (holy moon).  
(2) From the French *Homme est ne* (a Man is born).  
(3) From the Scandinavian *hogga* (to hogg) (right, or right of killing for the Yule feast).  
(4) From the French *an qui meae* (to the mistletoe go).  
(5) From the Scots *Hug ma* (neighbour).

Any one failing to be satisfied with any one of these "derivations" is at liberty to suggest another, whereupon he will rank as a philologist. Poets are born, and philosophers are made, but philologists happen like fungi.

I do not recommend the writings of Santayana to my friends, because they seem to me very tedious reading. Only occasionally does he condescend to be simply explanatory, and never, so far as I know, does he attempt humorous exposition of his thoughts. But he often says a shrewd thing. How do you like this? "In moral reprobation there is often a fanatical element. I mean that hatred which an animal may sometimes feel for other animals on account of their strange aspect, or because their habits put him to serious inconvenience, or because these habits, if he himself adopted them, might be vicious in him. Such aversion, however, is not a rational sentiment. No fault can be justly found with a creature merely for not resembling another, or for flourishing in a different physical or moral environment. . . . Every experiment in civilization has passed for a crime among those engaged in some other experiment. The foreigner has seemed an insidious rascal, the heretic a pestilent sinner, and any material obstacle a literal devil; while to possess some unusual passion, however innocent, has brought obloquy on everyone unfortunate enough not to be constituted like the average of his neighbours. The physical repulsion, however, which everybody feels to habits and interests which he is incapable of sharing, is no part of rational estimation, large as its share may be in the fierce prejudices and superstitions which pre-rational morality abounds in. The strongest feelings assigned to the conscience are not moral feelings at all; they express merely physical antipathies. . . . In chivalrous war, we acknowledge the right of others to pursue ends contrary to our own. Competitors who are able to feel this ideal comity, and who lead different lives in the flesh lead the same life in imagination, are incited by their mutual understanding to rise above that material ambition, perhaps gratuitous, that has made them enemies. They may ultimately wish to renounce that temporal good which deprives them of spiritual goods in truth infinitely greater and more appealing, to the soul—in other words, justice, and intelligence. They may prefer an enlarged mind to enlarged frontiers, and the comprehension of things foreign to the destruction of

them. They may even aspire to detachment from those private interests which, a Plato said do not deserve to be taken too seriously; the fact that we must take them seriously being the ignoble part of our condition."

For those who did not read that bit carefully through, but skipped, I proffer this, as more suited to their mental size. An American manufacturer of sewing machines, named Ransome, whose trade-mark was a black cat, advertised for an advertisement writer. The test he put the applicants to was to write a rhyme embodying those details. The one who got the job wrote the following:

Out in the West, where the grass grows green  
A black cat sat on a sewing machine.  
A Ransome machine, it ran so fast  
That it put ten stitches in the black cat's past.  
Sure it ran some.

Now play the game, and hark back and read, attentively, the bit you skipped. What d'ye think I took the trouble to copy it out for, if I didn't think 'twould be good for you? Do you a lot more good than that nonsense, I assure you.

Although I had dined JAN 31st 1922 and although I had wine and was sitting quite cosy and warm in my chimney-side nook with a favourite book I wasn't quite easy in mind. (I was not at all easy in mind) because of the noise of the storm. You know well how the wind comes a rattling the blind and howls through every hole it can find in front or behind. It is surely unkind as our Post underlined when ingratitude tortured his mind. It was now that I yearned and pined for the summer to come with the musical hum of skeeters to which I'm resigned.

(Their behaviour I never did mind.) But I find it a grind for my spirit refined to hearken to howlings like these, from a wind that is more than a breeze that troubles and tosses the trees; and in sadness my spirit doth bind, melancholically sealed and signed. So I've often and often opined that such howling and wailing unkind (even when one has dined well and wine) is against true contentment of mind.

A bookish man asked me the other day about a certain George Gissing was he worth while? He seemed to him too depressing (he is certainly that) and moreover he (my friend) was fed up with writings about writing men. In that case, as I pointed out, Gissing should be ignored. Personally, and possibly from private bias, I am keenly interested, and intend to refresh my mind about him from time to time. There are evidently many people who keep on re-discovering him. "The Private Papers of Henry Ryecroft" has just appeared in its sixteenth edition, and the thinly disguised biography by Morley Roberts, "The Private Life of Henry Maitland," continues to find buyers. Wells is therein referred to as "Rivers," and I suspect he had private reasons for complaining of inaccuracies and misrepresentations in it. Certainly Roberts, who is himself a great man, knew Gissing intimately, and as a close student of Gissing's own stuff, I liked the biography and believe it to be a portrait. The horrible effects of real poverty on the development of character are not pretty to watch, but it is desirable to know about them. Roberts says that if Gissing had had a sure income of fifty pounds a year he would have buried himself in a cottage full of books, meaning that he would not have produced as much as he did under the spur of necessity. It is very likely. I used to chat under the yoke of journalism, and thought that if I were free to do so I could settle down to produce something better. I had even then a rough scheme for a book that was to count. I have it yet; but that doesn't come into this. I took a remote rural cottage, filled it with books, and began work. At the end of twelve months, during which I lived quite alone, I had read a great many books, and made a quantity of rough notes, but I found myself thinking that with so many excellent books still unread there was no need to write another. As there was no spur of necessity, and life was interesting and worth while for its own sake, I very contentedly went on reading, and neglected writing. As it happens, this was just as well, because my book, or three fourths of it, has since appeared, from the pen of a distinguished Frenchman. I have also among my papers the skeleton of a novel; but why carry on with it? I can make more money with less trouble, amusing you people, and my ambition: I may ever have to become a latrine died at a very early age, when I was asking about a large statue of him in my native town. I want to write to know who he was and what he had done. They all knew his name, but no one seemed to know what he had done, beyond the memorable fact of his

getting himself murdered. Now my ambition leans the other way. I yearn for obscurity, and resent even the small share of limelight that this job gives me. When I was a bench-comber no one criticised me, praised or dispraised me. I had to please no one but myself, and I'm easily pleased.

It looks very like a case BEER, of cause and effect, does it not, that the very week after I announced that I had given up drinking beer, the vendors thereof should announce great reductions in price. If I thought that by announcing my intention to cease living I could bring down the high cost for you . . .

I would like to IRELAND and think that among EGYPT, the papers from Home you read you include Truth. It may make mistakes on occasion. There is no paper and no writer that doesn't. But taking it by and large it shines like a flame of honesty in the darkness of meretricious and trucking journalism. Its continuing exposure of Bottomley's devious career has been as interesting as a play. On Dec. 28 it had some very manly notes about our "policy" in Egypt, winding up in this way: "The poor devils will probably find that they have not as much chance as the Irish, but that only makes the attitude of our Government odious and cowardly as well as unprincipled."

We can never quite love the well-meaning person who at a party points out that we have a smut on our nose, but isn't it better to know? Isn't the temporary embarrassment preferable to the permanent disfigurement? That's up to you, of course. I know which I prefer.

"It's rotten being a prince," is a remark attributed to our approaching royal visitor. I think I can guess what he was up against, and I guess he will find it again, here in Hongkong.

It is impossible to read the Home news circumspectly. Christmas without coming to the conclusion that de Valera is an ass, and more of a knave that I thought he was. Happily he does not matter so much now.

By the way, while I think of it—the mention of my country cottage put it into my mind—if you ever desire to get quite away from human interference, bury yourself in the heart of a crowded city, like London, or Paris, or Sydney. (American cities are purposely not mentioned, because I found Americans friendly and inquisitive.) Do not seek solitude in the country. You will not find it. When I found my cottage, over three miles away from a small town, and no trains or buses or railway, I thought I should be undisturbed. A gragger's cart called once a week, and obligingly brought other things than groceries that I might order. From a farm a mile away I got milk, butter, cheese, and so on. Yet from the first I found myself the cynosure of eyes previously not noticed. The rural population is more curious about a neighbour two miles away than the city folk are about their next door neighbours; and they are remarkably ingenious in devising excuses for inquiries. The limit of exasperation I recall was one day in the summer, when (as it happened) I had a working fit on, and scribbled as if against time for nearly a week. I didn't bother to cook anything, but ate anything I could find that was eatable cold. I didn't bother even to dress. So when, in reply to insistent knocking on my barred door, I opened it, the lady responsible saw a dishevelled author in his ditto pyjamas, and mentally bewildered by her presence besides. She had heard that a gentleman was living alone—it was reported to her that no smoke had come from his chimney for some days, nor had he been seen about—she had thought that perhaps, suppose he were ill, he was dying, it was her duty, etc. etc. The gentleman thanked her, but assured her that he was not in the habit of dying alone. He was, however, confoundedly busy, and . . .

Even then she did not take the hint, but was peeping past his shoulders to see as much as she could of the interior, and releasing jerky exclamations about "no woman to do for you—how very odd" and the like. Yes, there is one decided advantage about the big cities. They will let you do alone if you want to.

One prisoner having THE LORD expressed a preference for the "cat" and JUST ON'S hard labour, rather THINKING, than for five years penal servitude, the Lord Chief Justice said this "showed that all the terrors which were spoken of by humanitarians about the cat were without foundation." The Manchester Guardian roasts him nicely for thus "standing a plea of evidence on his head," and for arguing from a single particular to a general rule. "Even ordinary home guards against the same fallacy when

it points out that one swallow does not make a summer." This prisoner's preference plainly shows, if it can show anything, that the "cat" is less of a deterrent than the penal servitude. To me it also shows that he was an intelligent man with a love of freedom who preferred to suffer physical pain for an hour or so rather than mental pain for five years. I have no objection to the "cat" on humanitarian grounds, for though I ought to love the criminals who get it, I don't, and can't, and it would be wrong to pretend. But I'm sure such a punishment does more harm to the inflictor than to the sufferer. It must brutalize him, and we none of us require that. Our brutality needs no exercise to keep it alive.

At last, at last, our ECONOMY, statesmen at Home are serious about economy. They propose to "save" from sixteen to twenty millions sterling a year—from education! Watch for the report of the Geddes Committee. Our lads at the war had a claim. "Ow, ow, it's a lovely war," that contains enough of the right emotion, if you change "war" into "political game," to fit the present situation.

The works of H. G. Wells WELLS, in the past have given me so much pleasure, and profit also, that it must seem ungrateful to belittle him now—especially to the young men who I know regard him as the Big Pot in literature. I confess that my regard for him diminished when he began to be a sort of Pope. He would be sent to Washington for the sake of his acutely observant brain, rather than because of his literary style, I suppose. This is fortunate, because his Washington articles are not as well written as "Mr. Polly" or "Tono-Bungay" were. He speaks in one, for instance, of "a widespread and spreading unanimity." Think it over.

What's this I hear of a government order that police men travelling on the railway on duty must henceforth travel second class? It cannot be a wise bit of official economy, seeing that it merely means changing the money from one pocket to the other in the same pair of trousers. That naughty little bird you sometimes hear mentioned has whispered to me that in the places where the handcuffs hang up there is a breath of a rumour to the effect that a lady not long out from Home had spoken of the presumption of common policemen travelling first class. Needless to say, I regard it as, and mention it only as an example of, the sort of scandal to which the wicked people here are far too much addicted. It is quite evident, is it not, that no real lady would think of remarking such a thing, even in the privacy of the nuptial apartments.

Not only scandalous QUEER stories, but mysterious BOOTS ones. "Have you heard about non-existent boots sold by a non-existent firm being described as boots of excellent quality?" I hadn't, and demanded explanations. "Oh, you'll probably hear by and by" was the tantalising answer. When I do I'll probably pass it on, but I cannot now.

I do not, although you may be surprised to hear me say so, I never did, own a Court Dress. So I had sadly made up my mind to gaze at my beloved Prince through the most loyal telescope I could borrow. My ordinary evening suit is where I said it was (unless mon uncle has disposed of it) so that even if the reception committee should bring the ball down to the vulgar level of a St. George's or a St. Andrew's hop, I could not hope to pass the sentry. But since I saw in the Calcutta papers that H.R.H. had arranged, by his "express wish" for the reduction of the State Ball they had settled on to a common of garden ball at which "Mess Dress (not Full Dress)" was to be worn, I have been wildly excited and my soul has been full of hope, as the saying is. There is always some killjoy or other hanging around, however, and one such has told me that I am a partitioned fool to imagine that "Mess Dress" includes the sort of dress we wear in Our Mess. I shall find out for sure, and that easily, for our amah knows the sister of the amah at—well, never mind. It's a place where they are in the know, and don't you forget it.

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Now young Tom wanted to go up til 'is 'ee way gallivantin' after some maid or other, and 'e 'adn't got no money—'tho' 'e man bein' very tight

on un like—'till one day 'e were lookin' at Vido, and an idea struck un.

When 'e zeos ol' Tom, 'e zays to un, "Feyther 'av 'ee 'eard 'bout that man up til Ashburton way what can make dogs talk?"

"Lor bless 'ee bby. What be talkin' 'bout?" zays the ol' man, "Can 'e make our Vido talk?"

"Ees, feyther" zays young Tom, "but I 'ears as 'e wants payin' vur 'it."

"Well," zays the ol' vule, 'ere be a zavr n Tom, Take it up to un, and 'e 'dn make our Vido talk proper 'I'll give un another."

Young Tom 'e goes up til 'is 'ee and zeos 'is 'ee 'e coors, and 'bout a week after 'e talks to the ol' man again.

"Feyther," 'e zays, "that man up til Ashburton du zay as 'ow 'e wants another zavr n, vur teachin' our Vido."

"Dier" zays the ol' man quick like, "ow 'e 'ee know?"

Young Tom pulls out a letter 'e 'ad from his 'ee, and shows un. "There 'e be," 'e zays, bold like.

Ol' Tom looks at the letter 'e 'adn't read a word, mind 'ee and 'e zighs de p like, and 'e gives un another zavr n. "Tell un I shan't pay un no more," zays 'e.

Nex' week young Tom zays tu his feyther, "Feyther, I be goin' up til Ashburton to vetch our Vido: be goin' to give me any money?"

"No I ain't," zays the ol' man, very virm like. "Yi go un 'v'ech Vido, and mind, if 'e don't bring 'e back, I shall go and vetch un myself."

Well, young Tom comes back late that night, but 'e 'adn't got no Vido. "Where be Vido 'en?" zays the ol' man tur'le angry like.

"Well, it be like this 'ere, feyther," zays young Tom. "I was bringin' Vido along, an' 'e was talkin' to-gether proper; when all uv a sudden 'e zays to me, 'Tom, be your feyther so fond of that there ol' milk-maid as 'e used to be?' 'I knows 'ee wouldn't like mother to 'ear Vido talkin' like that, would 'ee, feyther?' So I drowned un!"

It is the fashion here, POST FACTO not to tell the GOVERNMENT what it ought to do to-day or to-morrow, but what it should have done months ago. I am not what you'd call a slave of fashion, but I sometimes feel the itch to be like my neighbours. I do now. That's why I proceed to remark that a really strong governor would have long ago proclaimed the League of Fellowship an unlawful society, when its discussion of the Peak Reservation showed it to have "purposes incompatible with peace and good order."

Some of the members of TANTALUS the Hongkong Cricket Club consider our fire brigade to be excessively efficient. When they heard Thursday morning that the secretary's office in the Pavilion was on fire, a gleam came into their eyes that was a reflection of the blaze. They were thinking of their oaths. Now, wasn't that tantalizing? For no damage that mattered was done at all.

Heard a man telling a group of friends on kerb Thursday that the Governor, with an armed party, had read the Riot Act to the Seamen's Union, and then, after a sharp engagement, in which two men were shot, had arrested the lot.

Incidentally (and this word has point) the rumour artists have adjourned the boys' and amahs' strike till the day after to-morrow.

Householder has a row with his servants, sacks the cook and the coolie, and then prosecutes the amah for refusing to do jobs which she said were not her pidjin. Magistrate Wood fines amah two dollars, with prison as the alternative. Amah lacks two dollars, and weeps. Compassionate European gentleman paid the fine, God bless him. And so justice is done.

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I am wondering to what kind of Home carpentry this bird was accustomed, for he seems strangely ignorant about it. Describing the sawing of huge logs (which isn't usually done in carpenter's shops, by the way) he told us only how two men do it, one on the log, one below it. Apart from circular or band saws, this is the universal way of sawing logs. It is not peculiarly Chinese. Moreover, our Chinese here "use European saws for it." He next mentions "a form of tool which may be described as a cross between a European hatchet and a pickaxe."

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## ADVERSARIA.

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It has a sharp cutting edge, perhaps four or five inches long as in the former case, but the edge of the blade is at right angles to a long handle as in the latter. Isn't that naive? Any European who is really "accustomed" to take notice of European carpenter's work will recognize that passage as a very fair description of a European adze. He then describes the familiar bow drill, or "fiddle" as artisans at Home term it. This also is not peculiarly Chinese. In the whole of his article, indeed, he mentions nothing at all that is "different from those to which we are accustomed." This might have been done, too, if he hadn't (as I suspect) done his observing from the top of a tram. I love watching any carpenter at work but in small stuff it is a treat to watch the Chinese cleverness. The Japanese are as good, and when producing artistic small stuff in fancy woods are even better.

PENINSULA. I heard two idiots arguing on Thursday about the name of the new Kowloon Hotel. Should it be Peninsula or Peninsular? One idiot argued that the first form, as given in the report of the hotel meeting, was an error. The other man was equally idiotic for arguing that the first form was the only right one. They did not ask for my opinion, so I didn't give it; but I supposed until then that everybody must know both forms to be right in such a connection. The first form is the noun, and the addition of the "r" turns it into an adjective. I feel rather too like an elementary school teacher at the moment, but since such an acrimonious argument was possible, as the one I heard, it seems a duty to forestall possible others. Although I have said that both forms are right in the naming of the hotel, I ought to say that in my opinion the noun is preferable, and the hotel manager evidently agrees with me. To my finicking way of using words with an eye to shades of meaning, the adjective would suggest that the hotel was "nearly like an island," whereas the intention is to indicate that it is situated on a piece of land which is nearly an island. One of the arguments mentioned the Peninsular and Oriental S.S. Co. in support of his position. In that case they could not drop the "r" without dropping the "al" from the other word, which would have been even less euphonious than the present title. Probably in days to come the public in self-defence will do to the name of the new hotel what they have unanimously done to the shipping company's name. They will speak of it as the P.H. And not a bad name either. I advise Mr. Taggart to get used to the idea. Oh, by the way, while in this crudely didactic vein (and just to make you mad by insulting your intelligence) I may as well add that it is not to be pronounced "pen-in-sooler." The accent, as usual in Greek polysyllables, should be on the antepenultimate, which, my dear friends, contains a root syllable of identical meaning, and means the syllable that comes before the next to the last. As regards the spelling of it, if you are likely to have any trouble there, out out this precious paragraph and paste it in your topee. Then you can refer to it almost everywhere except in bed.

You've noticed what a long SORRY tail our cat's got? I thought so. Well. Sorry, and all that.

## IT'S AN ILL WIND.

ONE GOOD THING THE STRIKE HAS DONE.

It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and if the strike has caused the deepest gloom during the last few weeks, it has at least one redeeming thing to its credit. It has prevented "The Kid," Charlie Chaplin's masterpiece, which has just returned to the Colony from Canton, going to the North again in response to urgent demands by cinema managers whose patrons are impatient to see this famous picture again. As a similar demand exists here, perhaps to an even greater extent, Hongkong Amusement, Ltd., have promptly seized the unexpected opportunity presented by the strike to show "The Kid" at the Coronet Theatre once more. Much to their regret they have found it possible to offer this delightful treat for one evening only, as the picture must be despatched northwards by the first available steamer. "The Kid" will therefore make its last appearance at the Coronet this evening when the superlative merits will again amply prove a source of boundless joy and speedily drive away thoughts of the strike that has made its return possible.

## HONGKONG TRADE.

## STRIKE'S DEPRESSING EFFECT.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.—Sales of Plain and Figured Poplins, Dyed Twills and Prints are reported. The Strike is having a depressing effect on trade generally, but once it is settled there is every reason to hope for a good demand. Meantime there is practically no movement of cargo.

Cotton Yarn.—A fairly good business was transacted at a very slight decline in rates. Latterly both business and deliveries are suspended owing to the seamen and labour strike.

Quotations are:—No. 10s \$158/193. No. 12s \$175-200. No. 16s \$190/222. No. 20s \$200/222. Arrivals 4,000 bales. Sales 5,000 bales. Shipments nil. Unsold Stock 5,500 bales. Bargains 10,000 bales.

Woolens.—There is no change in the market.

Raw Cottons.—Market remains devoid of business. Values are slightly easier as follows:—Indian grades at \$33.29. Chinese grades at \$28.36 per cwt.

Metals.—Business at a stand still. Yellow Metal.—Nominal Nil. Flour Market Report. Stock.—About 1,010,000 sacks.

Quotations.—American Patent \$3.80 per sack, American Straight \$2.85 per sack, American Cut off \$2.90 per sack, Shanghai Flour \$3.15 per sack, Australian No. 1 \$2.90 per sack.

Petroleum Products.—No change.

Sundries.—Due to the Chinese New Year holidays no fresh business has been consummated but the market remains quietly steady at quotations.

Sugar.—Market strong.

Saltpetre.—Market quiet.

## WARWICK COMEDY COMPANY.

## "THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST."

"The Importance of Being Earnest." Oscar Wilde's "trivial comedy for serious people" was the piece chosen by the Warwick Comedy Co. last night for the second performance of their brief return season at the Theatre Royal. The courteous gems of dialogue which are the chief merit of the play were faithfully treated and the artists thoroughly deserved the warm ovation which the large audience gave them when the final curtain fell. It was to Mr. N. Thorpe Mayne, as John (alias Ernest) Worthing, and Mr. Dudley Howarth, as Algernon Moncrieff, the "Bunburyist," that the success of the presentation was chiefly due. They made the piece with their clever looking and amongst the ladies Miss Marjorie Clark, who made a charmingly vivacious Cecily, specially distinguished herself. Miss Joan Mayne happily interpreted the part of Lady Gwendoline Fairfax and Miss Lena Flowerdew made the most of the role of Lady Bracknell. The minor roles, including Mr. Tom Fenwick's Canon Chasuble, and Miss Dorothy Radford's Miss Prism, were capably sustained.

Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," which Hongkong playgoers have been awaiting with pleasurable anticipation, is to be staged to-night.

## AUCTION BRIDGE.

A correspondent writes: "There does not appear to be any particular 'feast of compression' needed in supplying a concise rendering of the 'blind' leads against a trump suit declaration at Royal Auction. There are fewer generally recognised conventions to be memorized than for the lead against the no trump declaration. In point of fact, the summary of 'blind' leads published in your issue of 21st January can be slightly further compressed—even with advantage."

The two tables follow, the last indicated lead in the first table being "given with some diffidence as it can scarcely be dignified as a convention at all."

Against 'trump suit' lead fourth best of your longest plain suit, (particularly if holding four trumps), except:—

FROM:	LEAD:
AK, or A to K, to 4	A
AK, or K, to 3	K
AJ to 3	Lowest
Sequence of 3 to Q, J or T.	Top
3 Tenace-headed plain suits	Trump

Against 'no trump' lead the fourth best of your longest suit, (preferring major to minor suits of equal strength), except:—

FROM:	LEAD:
AQ (or J or T) to 7	A, (4th)
AQ to 6	K, (4th)
AK, or 6 or less	K, J
AK, or K, to 7	K
AQ, or J, to 4	K
AQJ, or AJT, or KJT	2nd hon's
Sequence of 3 to Q, J or T.	Top

—with priority, if without entry, if with more.

## DO YOU PLAY "SPARROW"?

## A MAGISTRATE ON MA-CHEUK.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell has written and published, an interesting treatise on the game of "Sparrow," and how to play it. It is illustrated with photographic diagrams, and although we are not ourselves familiar with the intricacies of the game, we are satisfied that anyone who should explain them more lucidly than Mr. Lindsell has done would be indeed a gifted expositor. Let us first quote his introduction.

"The game of 'Sparrow'—called 'Ma Cheuk' in South China and in Shanghai 'Mah Jongg'—has been played in China for centuries, but has only in the last few decades become the Chinese national card game. It is now played by high and low, rich and poor, by men, women and even children, one of the best players known to the writer being a small boy of seven. Some 12 or 15 years ago a very much emasculated and simplified form of Sparrow was introduced into England under the name of 'Coo Can,' but this had only a passing vogue. Nowadays the popularity of the game among Europeans in the Far East is increasing by leaps and bounds, and in the Northern Treaty Ports it is said to be almost ousting Bridge from the Clubs, while in the British Fleet on the China Station hardly a wardroom is complete without its Sparrow set. The game of Mah Jongg however, as it is played by foreigners in Shanghai differs in many respects from the genuine 'Sparrow.' It is the purpose of the writer to set out in the following pages its true principles and generally accepted rules in the hope of gaining new adherents to a wonderful game and of giving some further enlightenment to those who are already versed in its elements."

To mention the magisterial capacity of the author seems irrelevant. We did it for the sake of an alliterative headline. But now that we re-read his book of gaining new adherents, we begin to sniff the odour of relevance. May we express a hope that the adherents will always adhere in proper places within the meaning of the Act, and not go into his presence as persons whose adherence has provoked the resentment of our watchful and virtuous police?

But games of skill can never be unlawful gambling? We were overlooking that. Now if there be one thing certain among our convictions at the present moment, after reading this book very interestingly and carefully, it is that Ma cheuk must be a game of great skill. We think we could memorise the technology of it, if we went into training, although there are 136 dominoes used. We might, after much practice, manage to remember which "wind" appertained to our seat, and be sharp enough to "eat" when our chance came. We do not despair of accomplishment even in the matter of "farms," those numerous complications of scoring. But could we manage the requisite alertness and concentration to read in the discards of the other three players their respective intentions? We have been described, by men supposed to know, as "a d—poor poker player, who doesn't watch the draw," and that seems easy in comparison. On the whole, we rise from the book with the impression that it describes a game at which we should be a failure. We have been so often asked, by Europeans as well as Chinese, the question at the head of this article, that we had begun to flirt with the idea of learning it. It is not Mr. Lindsell's fault that we have definitely dropped it. It is not that everything he says is not perfectly clear and understandable, for we followed admiringly his patient, his painstaking, his crystal-clear instructions. It is because we know our own powers. This game is undoubtedly a game of skill, and above our poor abilities. We shall stick to kids games, like Nap and Chess.

By the way, the publishers would probably like this mentioned. The book is clearly printed, well proof read, and is priced at \$1.25. The last is unimportant. Anyone who really digests the instructions, and the "hints on the play," should win that back in his first game.

## SPECIAL BARGAIN SALE.

With \$50,000 worth of goods which must be cleared, Messrs. Whiteway Laidlaw and Company, advertise a special bargain week from Monday February 6 to Saturday, February 11. In addition to special \$10, \$5, and \$2.50 bargain tables, hundreds of bargains will be offered at half prices and hundreds more at quarter prices.

CURE THAT COUGH. WHEN you have a troublesome cough, it does not mean that you have consumption or that you are going to have it, but it does mean that your lungs are threatened, and it is just as well to be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy before it is too late. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## WHY GENERAL STRIKES FAIL.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir.—Regarding your editorial note on general strikes, the general strike in Australia in 1917 provides another interesting example of a wide-spread movement attacking the vital interests of the community ending in failure. It began with the Sydney railways and tramways. In response to the Government's appeal, the public volunteered in large numbers to man the essential services. Students restarted the tramways, while schoolboys collected the fares. Farmers unloaded cargo at the docks. Five weeks saw the strike collapse. Yours, etc. R.W.

Hongkong, February 3.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## THE BEN LINE STEAMERS LTD.

S.S. "BENVOLICH,"  
From ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO'  
LONDON & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of cargo per the above-mentioned steamer are hereby notified that, owing to the existing strike conditions at this port, all cargo destined to Hongkong is being landed at Singapore and will be forwarded on as soon as conditions here permit.

Consignees are accordingly recommended to make the necessary arrangements as regards Insurance etc.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.  
Agents.  
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From ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO',  
LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of cargo per the above-mentioned steamer are hereby notified that owing to the existing strike conditions cargo for Hongkong is being carried on to Shanghai where it will be landed and whence it will be returned to Hongkong when conditions at this port permit.

Consignees are accordingly recommended to make the necessary arrangements as regards Insurance etc.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1922.

## TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.,  
COPENHAGEN.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo for Hongkong per M/S "AFRIKA" are hereby notified that only part cargo has been landed here, and that owing to the strike of cargo and wharf coolies the balance of cargo for Hongkong will be carried on to Shanghai and landed at that port.

Consignees are therefore recommended to take the necessary arrangements respecting insurance etc. accordingly. The cargo will be returned to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become settled.

MANNERS & BACKHOUSE, LTD.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 3, 1922.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## FROM JAPAN PORTS.

## CONSIGNEES OF CARGO FOR HONGKONG PER

## S.S. "WAKASA MARU"

are hereby notified that owing to the strike of cargo and wharf coolies, cargo for Hongkong will be carried on to Singapore and landed at that port. Consignees are therefore recommended to make the necessary arrangements respecting insurance etc. accordingly. The cargo will be returned to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

## Agents.

Hongkong, February 3, 1922.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

HE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on account of the deceased, on

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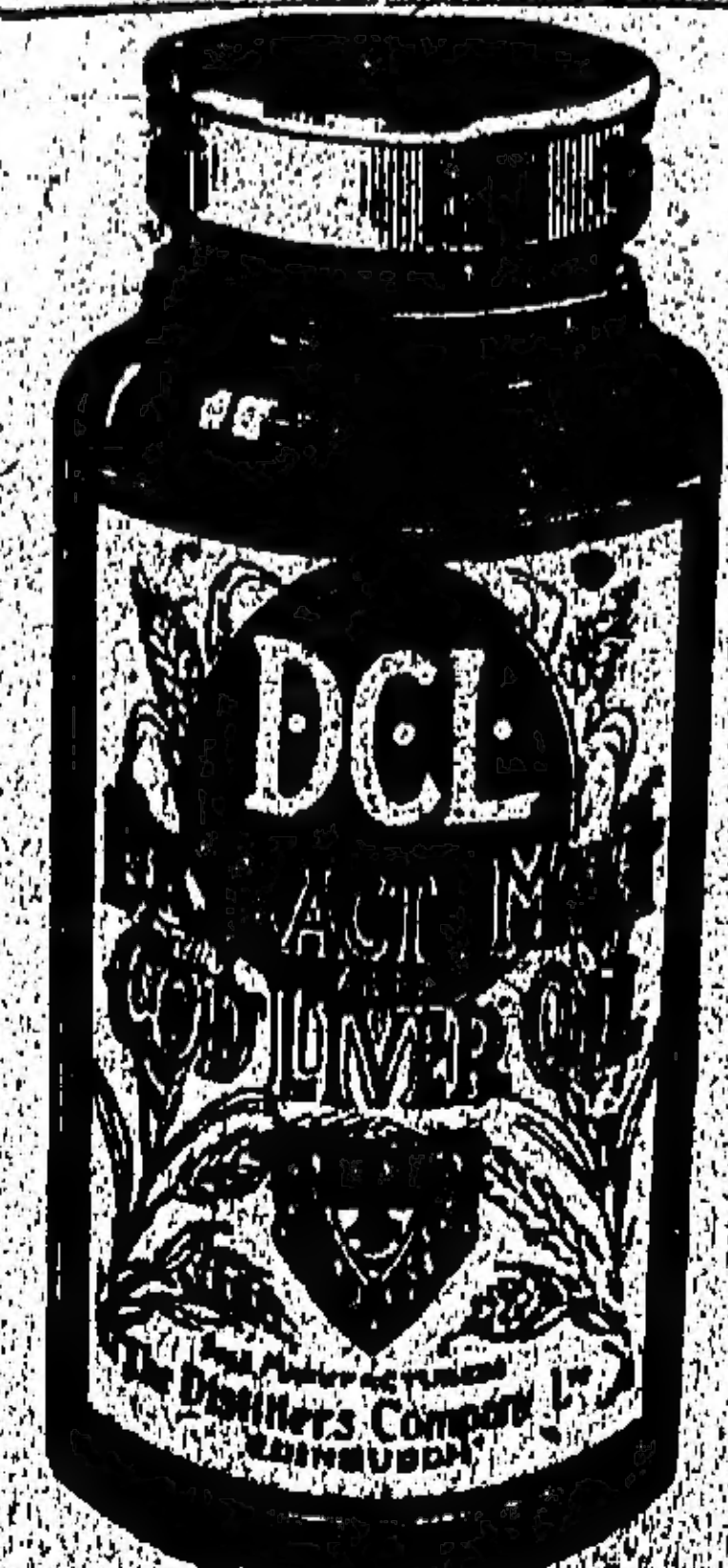
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BANGKOK .....KWANGCHOW .....Feb. 7.

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FROM JAPAN.

Feb. 7.—B. F. Japan.  
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FROM MANILA.

Feb. 19.—B. F. Iridon.  
Mar. 10.—B. F. Tallyhust.  
21.—B. F. Tallyhust.  
Apr. 26.—B. F. Tallyhust.  
May 18.—B. F. Iridon.

FROM JAVA.

Feb. 7.—J.C.J.L. Samarinda.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Feb. 7.—B. F. Tunda.  
1.—N. Y. K. Calcutta Maru.

FROM BOMBAY.

Feb. 7.—B. F. Labore.  
12.—B. F. Labore.  
13.—N. Y. K. Labore.  
27.—B. F. Labore.  
Apr. 24.—B. F. Labore.

FROM MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.

Feb. 8.—E. A. Changsha.  
13.—E. A. Changsha.  
16.—N. Y. K. Tanga Maru.

FROM VANCOUVER.

Feb. 23.—B. F. Tallyhust.  
Mar. 16.—B. F. Tyndarus.  
Apr. 13.—B. F. Tyndarus.  
May 4.—B. F. Tyndarus.  
June 16.—B. F. Tyndarus.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Feb. 15.—T.K.K. Korea Maru.

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Feb. 15.—D. &amp; Co. Dacre Castle.

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Miss Gertrude Bell, daughter of Sir Hugh Bell, the Middlesbrough ironmaster, was referred to by Lady Frances Balfour, at the Sheffield conference of the National Council of Women, as a brilliant example of the fitness of women for the diplomatic service.

It would be difficult to find a better, writes a *Daily Chronicle* representative, apart from distinguishing herself as Assistant Political Officer of the British Government at Bagdad, who has had many exciting adventures.

During visits to Syria, Asia Minor and Arabia, Miss Bell gained a knowledge of the people and their political history such as very few Englishwomen have been able to do. She went from Damascus to Bagdad and back only a few months before the war broke out, and was the first European for over 20 years to visit Havel, the Shammar capital, in Central Arabia.

In 1909 she was robbed by Kurdish brigands of her baggage during a trip through Asia Minor, but recovered it by her pertinacious applications to the Turkish Government.

She was once called a Mystery Woman of the War. At times she vanished for months into the desert. Once she paid a visit to a place called Hayzil, in the heart of Arabia, where the grandmother of the Amir Ben Rashid, who was away raiding at the time, ruled supreme.

Women "ran the show," and the only other European besides Miss Bell was a Circassian.

Miss Bell lived in a great hall, in an atmosphere of Indian brocades and burning spices, and there she discussed religion and politics with the Amir's grandmother, Fatima by name, and the ladies of the harem.

She did conspicuous services for the Red Cross during the war, and was one of the first to receive the C.B.E.

ARMY LOVE DRAMA.

OFFICER DISAPPEARS AFTER  
RIVAL'S SUICIDE.

An American girl, Ida Schaefer, wife of Frederick Schaefer, of New York, is involved in a scandal surrounding the suicide of a young soldier, Tommaso Borgi.

According to the *Epoch*, Borgi who was serving as a soldier in the artillery, met Mrs. Schaefer in a fashionable restaurant and fell in love with her. He soon noticed that he had a rival officer, whose identity has not been disclosed.

This officer, it is stated, took advantage of his superior rank to persecute Borgi, who swore to have revenge. A few days before his death Borgi obtained from Mrs. Schaefer documents compromising the officer. These he always carried in a pocket-book.

On the day of the tragedy, the newspaper alleges, Borgi met Mrs. Schaefer and the officer together in a

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Direct cable communication with Philippines, and America via Commercial Pacific Cable, has been restored.

The roll of midwives who have been duly certified under the midwives' Ordinance, and are in active practice in the Colony is published in to-day's *Government Gazette*.

In spite of present labour conditions, it is hoped to hold the Tea-dance next Thursday, February 9th at the Helena May Institute, but owing to increasing food prices, a charge of one dollar must be made and not fifty cents, as usual.

There will be a Cinematograph Display specially arranged for children, at the Helena May Institute on Monday February 6, at 5.15 p.m. Only Members of the Institute, their children and their friends may attend. A charge of twenty cents each will be made.

Nine men entered an engineering shop in Whitfield Street yesterday evening, obviously intending to commit robbery. Two of them were armed with revolvers, but the whole band took to their heels when the master of the shop himself produced a revolver.

On the pretext that they were looking for an acquaintance, two men entered a Yaumati Lane flat. After terrorising the only occupant, a woman, they stole money, clothing and jewellery amounting in value to \$104. They then made good their escape.

A motor car belonging to the Canton Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company collided with the Duke of Connaught's statue opposite Blake Pier yesterday afternoon and was severely damaged. The driver had his face cut and another man sitting with him was hurt so badly as to necessitate his removal to hospital.

Famous as the author of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," Francis Hodgson Burnett also wrote "The Secret Garden," the film version of which comes to the Kowloon Theatre to-morrow (Sunday) and Monday evenings. Delightful in its charm and piquant in its humour, this fine Paramount picture makes a worthy successor to "The Dub," which will be shown again this evening for the last time in Kowloon.

street, and after conversing with them for a few moments shot himself through the heart. Lieutenant Luigi Signorini, who saw the affair, states that Mrs. Schaefer immediately ran away, while the officer lifted the body, but denied that he knew the dead man. In the meantime the pocket-book containing the documents had disappeared. The officer has also apparently vanished.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

NO CHANGE YET.

COAL GUILD RAIDED.

WORKERS OFFERED PROTECTION.

There was no perceptible change in the strike situation to-day. The cargo and coal coolies are still displaying a disinclination to resume and an announcement was issued by the S.O.A. to-day offering police protection to those who return to work. Last night at about 9.30 the C.S.P. (Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe) and the D.S.P. (Mr. T. H. King) went along with a number of police officers and raided the offices of the Chap Yuen coal guild in Reclamation Street, Yaumati. Books and papers were seized and some of the men found on the premises were detained.

A translation of a notification issued by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax) last night and circulated this morning is as follows:—

"As regards the present strike of different guilds most of the people of such guilds really do not like to give up work. It is merely because some persons have intimidated and forced them that they have not dared work and consequently lose their occupations. They are indeed to be pitied. This notice is issued for the information of all workers. If anybody is willing to work he can go to the central police station and make a report. Coolies will then be sent to protect him while he is going about to work and also his residence. All workmen have no need to fear any deed."

There were some stiff limbs and blistered hands in the office of Messrs Jardine Matheson and Company this morning. They belonged to members of the clerical staff who had for a day or two been handling cargo, chiefly peanuts and tobacco leaf, that was put aboard the "King Sing," due to sail for Shanghai at noon to-day. Due to a mishap to the winch, most of the stuff had to be manhandled and the Jardine men have come to the conclusion that the regular coolies come pretty close to earning their money.

There were 161 ships in harbour to-day, representing 254,799 tons. An interesting departure yesterday was the Blue Funnel steamer "Pyrrhus," which went away to Shanghai.

A BOGUS SEAMAN?

The *China Mail* received for publication a letter purporting to be written by "a member of the Seamen's Guild," the same letter which was published yesterday by our evening contemporary, presumably without enquiry. Where name and address are sent to authenticate such letters, enquiry might seem superfluous, but names can be falsified and addresses faked. Some things about this letter suggested to us the need for investigation. Sent as from a Chinese seaman, the excellence of the composition was the first thing to strike us as remarkable. We find that other people outside concluded from this, what we merely suspected, that the letter was a "fake." The next features of it to be noted were the neatness and fluency of the calligraphy, and the correctness of the spelling. The few spelling mistakes were such as many Europeans make. A painstaking Chinese using a word like "exorbitant" would probably look it up and get it right. Careless Europeans, perhaps, not realizing the structure of the word and its root, often spell it "exhorbitant." The *Telegraph*, although it had "touched up" and revised the letter, spelled it that way, with the intrusive and irrelevant "h." Hongkong newspapers seem to prefer that spelling.

The thing that finally occurred to us as more suspicious than all these things was the absence from the letter and covering letter of any idiom used by seafaring men. It was

just possible that a seaman should write English of this quality with a clerical fluency, but no seaman could say so much without betraying his calling in some phrase or other.

There was, of course, one way to settle it. That was to interview the writer. We called at the address given. The ground-floor shop, the two rooms on the first floor, knew nothing of him. The top floor, the likeliest place because it consists almost entirely of sleeping bunks, was indignant at the idea that anyone with such a name could be there. It was, at any rate, indignant about something. Perhaps it did not like a white man walking along between the beds, uttering a name, and saying "I have some money for him." The only person in the room who confessed to any knowledge of English was a youth whose vocabulary was apparently limited to "no, no," augmented by that vertical oscillation of the exposed palm which so expressively signifies a wash-out. We should add that the name given offered no difficulty as regards pronunciation.

In short, two visits failed to find the man, or anyone who would admit knowledge of him.

In view of this our contemporary's footnote to the letter is mildly amusing. "The writer of that letter," it ran, "may have it from us that the reporters were never greatly misled by the Union Officials. Most of the information given was never published and the rest so far as this paper was concerned, was given very guardedly."

More guardedly, let us hope, than was this most interesting letter from "A Member of the Seamen's Guild."

The *China Mail* would never betray this seaman, if he exists. On the off-chance, the very remote possibility, that he was concealed somewhere at the address given, up the chimney, or under the bed, we refrain from giving a Sherlock Holmes sort of surmise that we formed as the result of studying the geography of the address given. We found that it was very near another address where the most likely (European) correspondent might be looked for.

LOCAL INTIMIDATION.

SIX WEEKS' HARD LABOUR FOR  
COOLIE.

A case of intimating workers was heard by Magistrate Wood this morning, a coolie being charged with disorderly conduct.

The Captain Superintendent of Police said the case was important as the circumstances tended to show that the defendant was trying to prevent coolies working.

Inspector Garrod said at 12.30 p.m. yesterday when opposite Tung Shing Street he saw a crowd of Chinese emerge from Centre Street and come into Des Voeux Road West. He went towards the crowd and saw two street coolies who were carrying bamboos being pushed along by three men, one of whom was the defendant. On seeing witness these three men went away. Most of the crowd dispersed on request. Immediately afterwards he saw two of the men who were with defendant tackle another man in Centre Street. Later they disappeared. Witness walked to Des Voeux Road West where he saw two men struggling. He went along under the verandah and caught the men. Defendant was one of the men and in arresting him witness had to let the other mad go. Detectives were sent out to trace this man without result.

Evidence was given by Sergt. Smith after which defendant went into the box and stated that he was merely listening to a dispute over some pay. He did not know why he was arrested.

Answering the C. S. P. defendant said he undertook transport work requiring three or four trucks. He did not know whether a junk arrived at Salt Fish Lane just before he was arrested or whether the coolies were arrested there to get work.

His Worship said he believed defendant was seen attacking two working coolies. He would be

SPECIAL CABLE.

COTTON MILL THEFTS.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, February 4.

During the past two months material valued at \$1,000 has been stolen from the Kung Yit Cotton Mill. In the Mixed Court yesterday pilfering was described as a scandal and a severe sentence was asked for against a coolie who had stolen \$400 worth of cotton and yarn with four others who had stolen 44 lengths and sold the quantity for \$6 and bought land at Kompo with the money. Sentence of six months' imprisonment was passed. Warrants were issued for the arrests of the accomplices.

BUOY BREAKS ADRIFT.

A notification issued at the Harbour Office to-day notes that the Bockhara Rock Buoy at the eastern entrance to Hongkong harbour has been adrift. It was to have been towed in, in any case, on March 1 next, but it is not proposed to replace it.

CRICKET.

K. C. C. 2ND XI v. POLICE R. C.

The following have been selected to play, at Happy Valley to-day, at 2.15 p.m.:—A. O. Brown, F. E. Lawrence, L. J. Blackburn, F. G. Herridge, E. F. Spinks, C. Russell, W. B. Haslett, F. Evelyn, E. J. Edwards and H. Overy.

imprisoned for six weeks with hard labour.

FIREWOOD SHORTAGE.

LOCAL TREE CUTTERS FINED.

A prosecution arising out of the firewood shortage caused by the strike was heard before Magistrate Wood this morning, when eleven Chinese were charged with having unlawfully cut down trees on Mount David and caused damage estimated at \$700.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, who prosecuted, said that these coolies had plenty of work but they had turned to cutting down trees with the object, not so much of relieving their own fuel wants, as making a profit out of the present situation.

Imposing a fine of fifty cents each, the Magistrate warned the defendants that should they be convicted for the same offence again they would be heavily fined.

WHAT THE WORLD IS TOLD.

HOW REUTER DESCRIBES OUR STRIKE.

HONGKONG, Feb. 3.

The Government is taking strong action as regards the seamen's strike. The Secretary of Chinese Affairs has issued a proclamation that interference with guilds which have no grievance will render the agitators liable to banishment, also strikers may be deported. Pickets with fixed bayonets have reinforced the police in patrolling the waterfront and the business and Chinese quarters.

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The romance of Aladdin has been eclipsed by that of Mr. Edwin Cleary and the wonderful lamp which has led him to fortune.

The famous war correspondent conceived the idea nine years ago of obtaining gas of extreme purity from kerosene and paraffin oil. He wrestled with the problem, conducting experiments in the out of the way corners of the globe to which his adventurous life took him, and then at last he hit on the secret and also on the invention of the lamp which promises to revolutionise methods of lighting and heating.

The lamp gives a 300 candle-power light at a cost of one halfpenny an hour, supplies fuel for cooking at the rate of a penny an hour, and can be put to practically every heating and

illuminating use. The inventions have been taken up by the British Petroleum Company, and the lamps are being manufactured in large quantities, in order that they may be placed on the market in a few weeks' time.

Mr. Cleary is a sixty-four-year-old veteran, whose life has been packed full with thrills and great adventures. When a representative of the *Daily Express* interviewed him recently he was fingering a little circle of what looked like glistening black wire. It was really made of hairs from the tail of the first elephant that fell to his rifle. He has carried it for years as a luck-bringer.

"The luck has come," he said, "but I am old now."

Some of Mr. Cleary's most famous exploits were as a war correspondent for the *Daily Express*. He was in South Africa for a number of years building railways with Cecil Rhodes, has run theatres, organised circuses, taken a menagerie through South America, and prospect and surveyed in many countries.

BRINGING UP FATHER.





## COMPANY MEETING.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND  
FINANCE CO., LTD.

The annual general meeting of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., was held at the Hongkong Hotel at 11.30 this morning. Mr. H. Humphreys presided and there were present Rev. Dr. L. Robert, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, A. O. Long, W. L. Pattenden, J. M. Alves (Directors) G. Rapp (Secretary) Messrs. F. W. Stapleton, M. S. Northcote, F. M. Ellis, J. H. Smith, H. Percy Smith, W. Morley, M. Fernandez, A. P. Amy, D. E. Clark, J. D. Humphreys.

The Chairman, Gentlemen, as it is past the hour for which this meeting is called I will ask the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

The notice having been read, the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen, with your permission I will adopt the usual procedure and take the report, statement of accounts and auditors' report as read.

The accounts before you though not quite a record are the best for the past twenty years but you will doubtless observe that the profits on property sales amount to rather more than one half of the revenue derived from rent.

There has been a considerable saving under the heading of interest and repairs and the amount owing to sundry creditors is \$70,496.21 less. I do not think there is anything else in the accounts which calls for special mention but perhaps you may be interested to know what we have accomplished during the year under review in the way of new buildings. We completed 18 flats on Hanoi Road, Kowloon, January, 1921 and 6 flats on May Road last September. We have still under construction 12 flats on May Road and 6 terrace houses and 12 flats in Kowloon. The former should be ready for occupation about the end of April and the latter in May and July respectively.

I trust shareholders will approve of the proposed transfers to Reserve Fund and Special Repairs and Renewals Account. As regards the former, some such provision is undoubtedly advisable if our position is to be maintained in the future. As regards the latter, the largely increased number of our flats, renders some

such provision necessary inasmuch as we may have to renovate, externally, two or three blocks of flats, in the course of one year. The colourwashing and painting externally of several large blocks of flats cannot be regarded in the nature of ordinary repairs.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and statement of accounts and after they have been duly seconded I will answer any questions shareholders may have to ask to the best of my ability.

Mr. M. S. Northcote: Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and I think that shareholders will agree with me when I describe them as entirely satisfactory, showing, as they do the best result for the past twenty years in the history of the Company.

An examination of the balance sheet of the Company for the last five years reveals a steady improvement in its dividend earning capacity, which is, when all is said, what the ordinary investor looks for, better and better dividends each succeeding year.

In 1917 the dividend was at the rate of 5 per cent on the capital in 1918 and 1919 this rose to 6 per cent, while in 1920 it rose to 8 per cent, the same rate being maintained for 1921 with an additional 2 per cent. by way of bonus.

Admitting that these results have been materially assisted by profits derived from sales of property, yet, if we eliminate this source of revenue, a source which cannot annually be relied upon, we still find steady improvement since without this assistance the Company's net revenue has annually increased, the net profit exclusive of sales and without deduction of the amount shown for General Managers fees which would of course without this source have been much less works out for 1917 and 1918 at slightly over 4½% improving in 1919 to 5½% in 1920 to something over 6% and in 1921 to just 7%, progress which cannot but be pleasant to shareholders.

Well, Gentlemen, dividends do not grow of themselves, they have to be earned and are so earned only by the constant care for our interests of our Managing Directors and Directors assisted by the willing and untiring labour of the staff they employ. Sales

of property are not brought about without much care and thought, and for the successful carrying through of this class of business we are entirely indebted to the able management of our Managing Directors, who should receive adequate remuneration therefor at our hands.

In this connection I desire to draw your attention to two items on the debit side of Profit and Loss % viz:—

Allowance to General Managers to cover office rent, salaries of Secretary and clerks which is put down at \$8,000. This allowance is I understand, the figure at which it was fixed when the capital of the Company was increased so far back as 1903 and is so provided for in the Articles of Association.

Conditions have greatly changed since those days. The clerical work of the staff has probably more than doubled, rents and the cost of living have increased considerably, necessitating a corresponding increase in salaries to staff etc. I therefore venture to submit that the allowance as now provided is insufficient and should be increased to a minimum of \$10,000.

The other item to which I wish to draw your attention is the remuneration to General Managers.

This is perhaps a more difficult matter to deal with, since any material increase herein might possibly affect the dividend earning potentialities of the Company, however we must not lose sight of the fact that it is to their able management and brain we owe the success of the Company and I hope you will agree with me in thinking that their remuneration as at present provided 5% on the net profits is nowadays somewhat inadequate and should be increased at any rate at such times as the net profits exceed say 10% of the Capital.

If you are in accord with me in these matters I think we may leave it to the Board of Directors to formulate an amended scale in both instances and to draw up the necessary alterations to the Articles of Association required to deal therewith.

It now merely remains for me to second the Chairman's proposal.

That the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed.

The Chairman:—I thank you for your kind words. The only thing I can think of which you have omitted to mention is that the work in recent years has very much increased and is

## TITLED "BAGWOMAN."

## LADY MARJORIE DALRYMPLE.

Lady Marjorie Dalrymple, a sister of the Earl of Stair, has returned to England after a trip to the United States in connection with a new business project.

She has started a concern called the Moorland Suede Co. with Miss R. Broughton as managing director. In July last both women left England to try to induce the big United States stores to give orders for their goods.

Lady Marjorie got the idea of developing suede as a useful article for clothing from her war-time work in connection with the manufacture of temporary artificial limbs for soldiers, for which the material was largely used. She and Miss Broughton have designed and manufactured suede shirts, hats, gloves, and coats with considerable success.

still increasing. Your suggestion will be put before the Board at the next meeting and what the Directors decide to do—if they decide to do anything—will be submitted to shareholders at an extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

The accounts have been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Northcote. Now is the time for any shareholder to ask any questions if he wishes to do so. There being no questions, all those in favour of the accounts being passed kindly hold up their hands. Against? Carried unanimously. The next thing before the meeting is the re-election of directors for the ensuing year. I beg to propose that Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Rev. Dr. Robert, Hon. Mr. A. O. Long and Mr. J. M. Alves be re-elected Directors for the ensuing year.

Mr. D. E. Clark: I beg to second.

The motion was then put and carried.

Mr. Morley proposed that Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$250 each.

Mr. F. W. Stapleton seconded and the motion was carried.

This concluded the business, the Chairman announcing that dividend warrants would be ready on Monday and could be had on application at the office.

## SHIPPING.

## NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

A New York telegram arriving at Kobe on Jan. 17 reports the revival of the New York Shipping Conference, which had abandoned its freight agreement and gone in for free competition between many companies. The primary reason for the restoration of the Conference is that having realised the fact that to maintain an unreasonable freight competition is beneficial only to consignors and not in the least to shipping companies, owing to the small movement of cargoes, the powerful British companies who were taking the lead in free competition have suddenly changed their attitude and advocated the rehabilitation of the former Conference. The restored Conference has enlisted as Japanese members the N.Y.K. O.S.K. Kokusai Kisen Kaisha and Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, and includes in its sphere a vast area ranging from the eastern coasts with New York as its centre and the Gulf of Mexico to Japan, China, Philippines, and Singapore via Panama Canal. In consequence, a general increase of freights is expected. Iron from New York to Japan, for instance, which is now \$10, will be increased probably by \$3, says the Japan Chronicle.

## GENERAL NOTES.

During last year 314 vessels have been launched at the Clyde shipbuilding yards, aggregating 514,549 tons, while the machinery built was equal to 568,791 horsepower. The previous year the tonnage was 569,960 and the horse-power 655,917.

Homeward bound from Bombay, the P. and O. liner Macedonia, of 10,512 tons, built in 1904, which was at the battle of the Falkland Islands as an armed cruiser, sailed from Gibraltar to Plymouth, a distance of 1,055 nautical miles, in 2 days 17 hours.

The secession of the N.Y.K. and the Java-China-Japan Line from the Java Freight Conference has created a severe freight war in the Java shipping line. A certain company has been absorbing shipments of drygoods at Y10 and matches at Y8, when the N.Y.K. charges Y12 upon drygoods on the same line.

## OLDEST LONDON LINKS.

## FINDS BEHIND A CITY HOARDING.

Behind a hoarding in Fetter Lane off Fleet street, is an archaeological "lucky dip." It is a vacant plot of ground which is being excavated to a depth of 12ft. by a mining engineer, Mr. H. S. Gordon, in his spare time and week by week he is adding to his relics of Roman and medieval London.

As already reported, a beautiful Greek brooch of finely worked gold, which may be the key to the knowledge of an unknown Greek civilisation in England before the Roman occupation, has been found in the pit. Many other discoveries, while of less historical value, are of great interest. One of the most unusual is a Roman brick which bears the print of the paws of an animal which must have walked across it while the clay was still wet.

Another relic is a mussel shell with paint in it, evidently for the use of an artist. This dates back to medieval days and it is interesting to note that gold paint is still sold by artists' colourmen in mussel shells.

The handle of a medieval hand-bag, carried probably by a modish person many hundreds of years ago; a large lump of cobalt blue enamel bearing the impress of two seals, which was probably used by monks for enamelling work; and a clay tile with the Tudor rose upon it have also been found.

and Y10 upon matches. To cope with this challenge, the N.Y.K. is discussing measures to be taken.

The New York steamship line, be it outward and homeward, is enjoying very good shipments, in contrast to the idleness of the Pacific route. Both the N.Y.K. and O.S.K. liners are packed almost full. The outward run obtains mainly cereals, seeds, cowhides, etc., while the freights obtainable for the homeward service are construction materials, iron, etc. Some unsubsidised shipowners are already arranging to run their ships on the same line.

## LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVALS.

Unda, (A.P.C.) from Singapore.—Junk Bay.  
Sheafdaft, (Dodwell & Co.) from Busa, Singapore.—B.51.  
Yodo Maru, (M.B.K.) from Keelung—Wanchai.  
Anshin Maru, (Kimura & Co.) from Keelung—Wanchai.  
Cheulon Maru, (Nanyo Yusen Kaisha) from Macassar.—B7.

## CLEARANCES.

Pyrrhus, (B. & S.), for Yokohama via Shanghai.—Feb. 3.  
Unda, (A.P.C.) for Shanghai.—Feb. 3.  
Pin Samud, (Kung Ngan Seng) for Bangkok, via Swatow.—Feb. 4.  
Cheulon Maru, (Nanyo Y. K.) for Kobe, via Moji.—Feb. 4.  
Benmohr, (Gibb Livingston & Co.) for Yokohama, via Shanghai.—Feb. 4.

## GENERAL ITEMS.

A woman who has not been known to speak for years was remanded on a charge of wandering at Weston-super-Mare.

Brussels school children now attend certain lessons at the Central Cinema Hall. A teacher explains and lectures on selected films. An excellent feature is that the lecturer can stop him to point out any special points. The Brussels public schools already have 50,000 yards of films. It is hoped soon that a cinema hall may be added to each public school.

Details of the terms of settlement in Italy of the estate of Mr. Caruso, under which half goes to the late tenor's daughter and the other half equally divided between the widow and Mr. Caruso's relations, have been filed in the Surrogate Court New York. The widow has requested ancillary letters of administration to take over the \$40,000 assets in New York. Later the tenor's wife will apply for ancillary letters authorising the collection of phonograph royalties, which are said to total over \$50,000 yearly.

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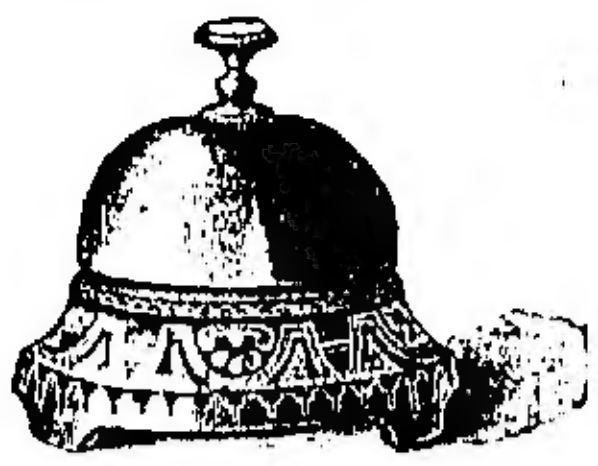
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